

## **SPECIAL MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** County and District School Food Service Directors/Supervisors

**FROM:** Todd A. Bedenbaugh, Interim Director  
Office of School Food Services and Nutrition

Craig Brooks, Education Associate  
Food Distribution Program

**DATE:** November 4, 2008

**RE:** Annual SC Commodity Processing Showcase and Industry Conference

The Office of School Food Services and Nutrition in collaboration with the SC Purchasing Alliance and School Nutrition Association of South Carolina (SNA of SC) will hold a statewide meeting on Tuesday, January 13 through Thursday, January 15, 2009. The meeting will be held at the Omar Shrine, 176 Patriots Point Street in Mt. Pleasant, SC.

Benefits in attending the Showcase and Conference:

- Hands-on with processed commodity food items;
- Opportunity to confer with vendors; and,
- Valuable information will be shared in rotating sessions.

Also, the annual meeting of the SC Purchasing Alliance will convene to vote on critical issues that affect each Alliance member, to include ratification of new by-laws, committee assignments, and selection of 2009 Advisory Board members. All Alliance members are expected to attend this annual meeting to fulfill their membership contract requirements.

Your registration fee of \$75 will include dinner on Tuesday, breakfast and lunch on Wednesday, as well as meeting materials. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Charleston Resort and Marina. Each attendee is responsible for making his/her own hotel reservation. Please contact the Charleston Resort and Marina at 1-888-856-0028. The conference code to reserve your hotel room is **SNASC** and the rate is \$109 plus applicable taxes. Reservations must be made no later than **Friday, December 12, 2009**.

Please complete the meeting registration form and return with payment no later than **Friday, December 19, 2008** to: (Make checks/money orders payable to **School Nutrition Association of SC**.)

Office of School Food Services and Nutrition  
ATTN: Deborah McCartha  
3710 Landmark Drive, Suite 300  
Columbia, SC 29204

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at 803-734-8188.

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Enclosure: Agenda

Registration Form

**ANNUAL SC COMMODITY PROCESSING SHOWCASE  
AND INDUSTRY CONFERENCE  
JANUARY 12 – 15, 2009  
AGENDA**

**Monday, January 12, 2009**

9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Commodity Processing Setup ..... Craig Brooks Colleen Thomas
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**Tuesday, January 13, 2009**

8:30 am – 9:00 am	State Office of School Food Services and Nutrition Updates..... Todd A. Bedenbaugh FFVP Update..... Diane D. Gillie
9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Processing Showcase ..... Craig Brooks Omar Shrine, Mt. Pleasant, SC                      Colleen Thomas
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Oyster Roast & Low Country Shrimp Boil Charleston Harbor Resort and Marina

**Wednesday, January 14, 2009**

8:30 am – 12:00 pm	SC Purchasing Alliance Meeting ..... Walter Caudle Keith Ringer
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12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Box Lunch (Provided)
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***Industry Conference***

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	“What’s New for You”..... Todd A. Bedenbaugh Melissa Jackson, RD
3:15 pm – 4:15 pm	“What’s in a Steamer”..... Gregg Ferguson, SNS

**Thursday, January 15, 2009**

8:00 am – 9:00 am	Legislative Update..... Todd A. Bedenbaugh Buddy Jennings
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9:30 am – 11:30 am	Rotating Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Dealing with Rising Food Costs</li><li>▪ Farm-to-School</li><li>▪ Effective Use of Equipment</li></ul>
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11:30 am	Adjourn
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Department of Education

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ANNUAL SC COMMODITY PROCESSING SHOWCASE  
AND INDUSTRY MEETING  
January 12-15, 2009

**Sponsored by:**  
**SC Department of Education**  
**Office of School Food Services & Nutrition,**  
**SC Purchasing Alliance, and**  
**School Nutrition Association of South Carolina**

PLEASE PRINT

Name:	
Title:	
District:	
Mailing Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Telephone:	Fax:
Email Address:	

**Registration Cost:**  
**\$75.00 per person**

List attendees (included individual listed above):

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Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Please make checks payable to: **SNA of SC**



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